

Indian Magic Explained.

Miraculous as the feats performed by the Indian juggler appear to the onlooker, there is no doubt that they can all be reasonably explained. The disappearance of a living being from a basket in a place where trap-doors, concealed exits or collusion were impossible, seems inexplicable; yet the writer, quite by accident, detected the way in which this trick is done. A juggler stepped at Madras onto the deck of a Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer, and offered the company assembled, who were lounging about highly bored by the old method of coaxing, if they would subscribe, to show them something better than common juggling. The collection, of course, was forthcoming at once; he cleared a space on the deck, and told his wife to lie down. The young woman, who may have weighed seven stone, but more probably six, lay down, and her husband placed over her a shallow, flat basket, with a handle at the back, exactly resembling the baskets used for vegetables in East Anglia, and called a "frail." Then, with a light and graceful gesture, he took up the basket, and laid it down two or three feet off, when it was seen that the woman had vanished. Unfortunately for the juggler, the writer accidentally stepped on the edge of the "frail," and heard a little cry of pain. The whole thing had been a piece of superb acting. The young woman had learned to hook herself with her fingers and prehensile toes into the strong network forming the top of the frail, and the husband, a slight but powerful man, had learned to lift her as if he were lifting nothing but the basket. The writer of course said nothing about his awkwardness; the juggler, after one savage glance, said nothing, either, and the trick is still quoted as one which, owing to the absence of machinery, cannot be explained away.

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Saving and Spending.

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THE NATIONAL GAME.

GRIFFITH is Chicago's winning pitcher. BROUGHTON is acting captain of the Baltimore team.

The two ex-Clevelanders, Doyle and Davis, lead the New York batting. The Philadelphia Club has signed Catcher Buckley, late of St. Louis.

Lowy, of the Boston, has made thirteen home runs so far this season. BASEBALL interest and attendance at the games are now at high water mark.

Lowy, of Boston, leads the League in the number of runs scored individually. A fast baseball pitcher is said to deliver the ball at a speed rate of a mile a minute.

Colcolophon is justly entitled to the credit of being Pittsburgh's winning pitcher at present. The Chicago has traded Outfielder Danagan for Pitcher Scott Stratton of the Louisville.

The Baltimore have nine men in the .300 class. Such hitting, if maintained, will keep them in front.

THREADWATER, of Brooklyn, has secured first base on balls more times than any other League player. Boston's crack pitcher, Nichols, has lost but two games this season, and Baltimore has had the honor of lowering his colors both times.

MULLANE, of Baltimore, has been pitching for thirteen years, and has yet to experience lameness or soreness. He is said to be envied by all other pitchers.

The Baltimore have finally encountered hard luck in the shape of an injury to Catcher Robinson, which will keep him out of the game for some time to come.

SMITH, Tom Brown succeeded Pfeffer as captain of the Louisville, the tall-order exclusiveness made him unpopular with his men. EWIN's arm is anything but good, and seems to be getting worse. Players of other teams take advantage of his inability to throw, and it handicaps Cleveland in a close game.

KENNEY is the favorite Brooklyn pitcher, and has captured the bleachers to such an extent that they howl for him whenever a visiting batsman makes a hit off any other pitcher.

The pitchers who give few bases on balls are the ones who are winning this year. Nothing lessens the assurance of a batsman more than the knowledge that the pitcher he faces will shoot them over every time regardless of circumstances.

Few people, comparatively, understand the rule in reference to called games when the one who has played more innings than another has been changed, and the score does not now, as formerly, always revert back to the last even inning when the game is called.

THREE remarkable games were played at Marietta, Ohio, between the Marietta team and the Shamrocks, of Wheeling. Each game was a twelve-inning contest. Marietta won the first and second games by 7 to 4 and 5 to 4, and the Shamrocks won the third game by 8 to 7.

The Boston baseball managers have been refused permission to erect a wooden pavilion on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire. The reason for the refusal is that the site of the proposed structure is within that area in which the erection and construction of wooden buildings is prohibited.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

PROFESSOR F. A. FLUCKIGER, an eminent German scientist, is now making a tour of this country.

SENATORS QUAY and Blackburn are the most conspicuous dressers in the United States Senate.

IN his own town of Hartford, Conn., "Mark Twain" is said to be noted for his shrewd bargains.

It has been decided to proclaim Sanford B. Dole President of the Hawaiian Republic without an election.

ERNEST LONGFELLOW, a son of the poet, who lives in Manchester, Mass., has no literary bent, but is a good painter.

AMOS A. EBERSOLE, of Hillsdale College, Michigan, won first prize in the national intercollegiate oratorical contest.

The person of the Emperor of Germany is to be closely guarded hereafter, and a magistrate and detectives will constantly attend him.

"GENERAL" BOOTH, Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army, says, and says it emphatically, that he never reads the newspapers.

THE LABOR WORLD.

FABRONS' wages have been reduced. MINERS in the coal region continue to refuse work.

BRITISH taxpayers pay a tax on every male servant in their employ. THE International Convention of Flint Glass Workers will be held in Montreal this year.

REPRESENTATIVES of the striking miners in Chicago visited New York City and Brooklyn to solicit subscriptions.

For the first time in many years there appears to be a general suspension of "overhauling" work this summer.

MEDICAL UNIONS are adopting rules against responding to "honors" while furnishing music at parties.

The New York Framers' Union decided that henceforth its members must not work under the union scale of wages.

KNIGHTS of LABOR asked Senator Kyle to introduce a bill in Congress to permit the detachment of Pullman cars from trains.

RAILWAY employes in England are now instructed in first aid to the injured under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Association.

ONE effect of the strike at Chicago was to increase the cost of meat in New York and in other great cities from twenty-five to fifty per cent.

The Textile Workers' Union, of Paterson, N. J., has joined the national body of its kind. The membership at present aggregates 800.

CHIEF ARTURUS, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, says that the American Railway Union is too stuporous an organization to survive.

Two British labor reformers, Kair Harley, who is well known radical member of the House of Commons, and Frank Smith, who used to be a commissioner in the Salvation Army, are coming over here to help out in the stump speaking next fall.

FULLY eighty per cent. of organized labor in the building trades in New York City is at present unemployed. This is a very bad showing when, in most years, every man, either in or out of the union, who is competent to work on new buildings, is in demand.

ALL the window glass houses in Pittsburg, all the flint glass houses of the United States Glass Company, the sheet mills and most of the iron mills are shut down. As a result, nearly 30,000 workmen are idle. This is largely because of the usual summer shut-down to take stock in some factories and mills and to limit production in others.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

In Greece the house tax brings \$400,000 a year. St. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London, is insured for \$475,000.

The French Army is three times as large as it was in 1870. VALUABLE deposits of tin have been discovered in Montana.

At the last census Nevada had only 4981 girls of school age. MONROE has secured land and money to establish a college at Lamoni, Iowa.

FRENCH grapes are to be imported largely from Australia into Europe this year. According to official reports, 2298 people have died from the plague in Hong Kong, China.

An old church in Boston has been turned into a pig bakery. Its product is 10,000 pies a day. SATRO was selected by lot from among a number of conspirators to assassinate President Carnot.

SINCE the United States cruiser Chicago has been in English waters, sixty other crew have deserted. The cost of maintaining the United States deputy marshals in Chicago during the strike was \$8000 daily.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., to carry Government stamps, in place of trains. ILLINOIS has 4,400,000 acres in corn, an increase of three per cent., and its condition is exceptionally good.

The Russian Government has several notices upon the Government at Tokio that she will not permit Japan to occupy Korea. WILLIAM ALDIFER, cavalryman, on a water jumped twice from a bridge at Washington to the Potomac River, a distance of sixty feet.

Indian Cradles. The papoose-board, or cradle, is made in various ways, the most common being a straight board about two and a-half feet long, fifteen inches wide at the top and nine inches at the bottom, made from cedar or some other wood that will split straight and easy. It is worked down with stone scrapers and ornamented with paint to suit the more or less artistic taste of the mother. Over the top is a whoop, under which the infant's head is placed. The little one is wrapped in furs and skins like a mummy, its tiny arms bound close to its body with the wrappings. Then this baby bundle is laid upon its back on the board and fastened by lashings passed through holes near the edges of the board and firmly laced. The hoop over the top is to protect the head of the child from bruises, in case the cradle should fall.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to Repentance. A LOST opportunity finds its way back.

You began your eternal life at your birth. A PROFANE tongue plays the devil's music. CROOKED steps are the most apt to be noticed.

UNREPENTED sin is a promissory note to the devil. DEATH only changes the surroundings not the eternity.

WHEN you use an oath you defy God and serve the devil. Most people believe in the total depravity of somebody else.

THE day that does not begin with prayer does not begin right. God's peace is only for those who do not fear the devil's war.

THERE is nothing the devil is so much afraid of as the truth. SIN may try to hide its head, but it cannot cover up its tracks.

A DROP of dew tries as hard to do God's will as a thunderstorm. VIRTUE never stops paying dividends because the banks break.

THE man who tries to deceive others is himself deceived by the devil. A LIAR feels easy only when it forgets that it has a truth on its track.

TOO MANY Christians pay the Lord in promises, and the devil in spot cash. PHILOSOPHY may keep a man from doing wrong but it cannot make him better.

THE Pentateuch seems to trouble some men to-day, but John 3:16 defies a criticism. RELIGION has begun to starve whenever it begins to walk with its hands in its pockets.

WE are all living under a sentence of death. Sooner or later the sentence will be enforced. You can generally tell how much religion a man has by measuring it with his own half-bushel.

THE Bible speaks of the bottomless pit, to show that all lost sinners will fall to the same depth. THE man who does no good with his money helps the devil every time he puts a dollar in his pocket.

IF you are over 70 years old you are living on an extended note. It may fall due at any moment. DO NOT fool yourself. If the first man was made with eyes and ears, his Maker can both see and hear.

THERE isn't any use in going into the church to work for the Lord, if you let the devil hold your purse. THE reason so many Christians are lean in soul is, so few of them hunger and thirst after righteousness.

THERE would be more success in life if more of us were willing for God to tell us where and how to work. IT is a bad moral atmosphere where vulgarity passes for wit and humor, and men are entertained by it.

IF you love your enemies and do good to those who despitefully use you, you are on the right road to Heaven. PEASANT Emperor.

M. de Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the London Times, tells a story of the Czar, who lately discussed with his courtiers the title by which he might afterward be known in history. His father had been called Alexander the Liberator and Alexander the Martyr. What should the son be called?

"Alexander the Just," suggested one. "Oh, no," replied the Czar. "I am and shall remain the 'Peasant Emperor.'" So some of my nobility have styled me in derision, scoffing at my affection for the moujik. But I accept the title as an honor.

"I have tried to procure for the humble means of livelihood, and this, I think, is the best and only means of keeping the world good." "Henry IV. dreamed of giving every peasant a fowl in the pot, and my greatest ambition is to save the Russian peasant from dying of hunger. For when people begin to understand that they run no danger of starvation, they begin to bless God, and end by loving the sovereign who represents Him on earth."

"My greatest ambition is to deserve to bear to the last the title of the 'Peasant Emperor.'" This may not be a verbatim report, for it is said the Emperor is not in the habit of making long speeches; but it possibly indicates the attitude of his mind toward the people.

Effect of Smoking on Boys. One of the medical journals records the observations of a physician, who has been investigating with great minuteness and accuracy the effects of smoking on boys. He took for this purpose thirty-eight boys from nine to fifteen years, and carefully examined them. In twenty-seven of the number he discovered injurious traces of the habit. In twenty-two there were various disorders of the circulation and digestion, palpitation of the heart, and a more or less taste for strong drink. In twelve of the cases there occurred frequent bleeding of the nose, ten had disturbed sleep, and twelve had slight ulcerations of the mucous membrane of the mouth, which disappeared on ceasing the use of tobacco for some days. The doctor treated them all for weakness, but with little effect, until the smoking was discontinued, when health and strength were soon restored.

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Ha! Ha! Ha!!! Mr. O'Shea, the well-known war-correspondent, tells the following anecdote of an adventure with a herd of elephants: "A young friend asked me once to show him some elephants, and I took him with me, having first borrowed an apron and filled it with oranges. This he was to carry while accompanying me to the stable; but the moment we reached the door the herd set up such a trumpeting—they had scented the fruit—that he dropped the apron and its contents and scuttled off like a scared rabbit. There were eight elephants, and when I picked up the oranges I found I had five-and-twenty. I walked deliberately along the line, giving one to each. When I got to the extremity of the narrow stable I turned, and was about to begin distribution again, when I suddenly reflected that if elephant No. 7 in the row saw me give two oranges in succession to No. 8 he might imagine he was being cheated, and give me a smack with his proboscis—that is where the elephant falls short of the human being—so I went to the door and began de novo as before.



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